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1. The Albanian Government has established four cominform training centers within Albania for the purpose of recruiting and training of agents who are to infiltrate into Yugoslavia. These training centers are located at Shkoder, Kukes, Peshkopi, and Elbasan. Recruits consist mostly of persons from the Yugoslav-Kosove region who have defected to Albania and indicated their loyalty to Moscow and Tirana. All instructors at these training centers are Bulgarian.

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2. Approximately 220 Bulgarians are reported in Albania. A certain Mr. Shishamandoff is the chief Bulgarian official attached to the Albanian Government. The Bulgarian Mission is composed of army officers, army instructors, professional police officers, who are instructing in the Albanian security forces' schools, and police commissars, who are assisting the Albanians in all government departments, particularly in the Ministry of War, the Ministry of Interior, and the General Staff. Bulgarian advisors are also stationed in the heights of "Ploce" near Pogradec, where an unspecified number of cannons and heavy machine guns have been emplaced, in the fortifications of Librazhd, where Russian officers are also present, as well as in the Dibres prefecture and the fortifications of Llogora.

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3. The Albanian Government has withdrawn forces from the Greek-Albanian frontier to strengthen its outposts along the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier. The Qaf'e Thanës mountain pass has been reinforced with new equipment which has recently arrived from the Soviet Union.

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2.  Comment: The Llogora fortifications are located 15 kilometers northwest of Himare in the southern Albanian coastal area.

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